



2019 Fall Gathering and Annual General Meeting
“Biodiversity Hotspots of the Kootenays”
October 4 and 5, 2019
Copper Point Resort, Invermere

About the Fall Gathering

The KCP Fall Gathering serves as one of the primary vehicles to connect and re-connect KCP partners from across the region. The organizing theme for this year’s Fall Gathering is *“Biodiversity Hotspots of the Kootenays”*. We will explore key species, ecosystems and linkage areas in the Kootenays and how to foster conservation of these hotspots.

About the Annual General Meeting

We will take advantage of this opportunity to also have a very short (45 min) Annual General Meeting for KCP partners.

About the Kootenay Conservation Program

Kootenay Conservation Program (KCP) is a partnership of over 80 conservation, industry, government and business organizations dedicated to conserving natural areas for Kootenay communities. The partnership coordinates and facilitates acquisitions, covenants and stewardship projects on private land. In addition, we work to build the organizational capacity of all of our partner organizations. Our vision is to have landscapes in the East and West Kootenay that sustain naturally functioning ecosystems that can in turn support economic and social well-being. We envision vibrant communities that demonstrate the principles of environmental stewardship for future generations.

KCP BOARD

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Suzanne Bayley – Columbia Wetlands Stewardship Partners
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Rick Hoar – East Kootenay Wildlife Association
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SUPPORT TEAM

Juliet Craig – Program Manager, Kootenay Conservation Program

Marcy Mahr – Stewardship Coordinator, Kootenay Conservation Program

Nicole Trigg – Communications Coordinator, Kootenay Conservation Program

GUEST SPEAKERS

Lindsay Anderson – BC Government

Suzanne Bayley – Columbia Wetlands Stewardship Partners

Kendal Benesh – East Kootenay Invasive Species Council

Chris Bosman – Nature Trust of BC

Chief Alfred Joseph – Akisqnuq First Nation

Wendy King – Slocan Lake Stewardship Society

Randal Macnair – Wildsight Elk Valley

Al Mallette – Trail Wildlife Association

Michael Proctor – TransBorder Grizzly Project and ‘Kootenay Connect’

Lea Randall – Calgary Zoo

Ciara Raudsepp-Hearne – Wildlife Conservation Society Canada

Mark Thomas – Shuswap Band

Dave Zehnder – Farmland Advantage

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AGENDA

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Friday, October 4, 2019

12 pm to 12:30 pm HOSTED LUNCH (sponsored by Golden Rod & Gun Club and Windermere District Rod and Gun Club)

12:30 pm to 1 pm – WELCOMING REMARKS & SETTING THE STAGE

- Welcome and KCP Updates: Derek Petersen, Chair of KCP
- Juliet Craig, KCP Program Manager
- Mark Thomas, Shuswap Band Councillor

1 to 2:30 pm – KEY BIODIVERSITY AREAS

Goal of session: To share the importance of conserving biodiversity hotspots and species at risk from a global to a local level

- Key Biodiversity Areas of Canada - Ciara Raudsepp-Hearne, Wildlife Conservation Society Canada
- Species at Risk of the Kootenay – Lindsay Anderson, BC Government
- On-the-Ground Species at Risk work in Kootenay Biodiversity Hotspots – Michael Proctor, Kootenay Connect

2:30 to 2:45 pm – PAYING FOR CONSERVATION: WHERE TO NEXT?

Goal of session: To provide update on market research for expanding Local Conservation Funds

- Juliet Craig, KCP Program Manager

2:45 pm to 2:55 pm HOSTED COFFEE BREAK (sponsored by KCP)

2:55 pm to 3:45 pm - PROMOTING BIODIVERSITY IN 4 KOOTENAY HOTSPOTS

Goal of session: To provide updates on outcomes of KCP Conservation Action Forums

- Suzanne Bayley, Columbia Wetlands
- Wendy King, Slocan Lake Stewardship Society
- Al Mallette, Trail Wildlife Association
- Randal Macnair, Wildsight Elk Valley

3:45 pm to 4:45 pm KCP CONSERVATION CAFÉ

Goal of Session: Brainstorm of most burning questions and hot topics for working in the context of conserving biodiversity hotspots. Breakout discussions.

4:45 pm to 5 pm CLOSING

5 pm to 5:15 pm BIO BREAK

5:15 pm – 6:00 pm KCP AGM

- Report from Chair (Derek Petersen)
- Year in Review – Annual Report; Financial Report (Juliet Craig)
- Discussion: About KCP Conservation Leadership Award categories
- Elections of Board

6:00 pm – 6:30 pm CASH BAR OPENS

6:30 pm – 9:00 pm HOSTED BANQUET (sponsored by Wildsight and Columbia Wetlands Stewardship Partners)

- Cash Bar – Social; Banquet dinner
- Akisqnuq First Nation Storytelling – Chief Alfred Joseph
- KCP Conservation Leadership Awards for 2019

Saturday, October 5, 2019

BREAKFAST – ON YOUR OWN

8:15 to 8:30 am FIELD TOUR (MUST PRE-REGISTER)

Meet at front entrance of the Copper Point Resort. Dress for the weather and wear good walking shoes. Bring a water bottle. Lunch and snacks provided.

8:30 am to 3:30 pm FIELD TOUR: BIODIVERSITY IN OUR BACKYARD

Field tour to visit the new Columbia River Wetlands Edgewater Conservation Property and the Columbia Wetlands.

- 1) Columbia River Wetlands Edgewater Conservation Property – Local Conservation Funds in Action
 - Securement for conservation – Chris Bosman & Joe Strong, NTBC
 - Farmland Advantage – Dave Zehnder, Farmland Advantage
 - New invaders - Kendal Benesh, East Kootenay Invasive Species Council
- 2) Brisco Wetlands
 - Protecting our Wetlands – Suzanne Bayley, CWSP
 - Northern leopard frog reintroduction – Lea Randall, Calgary Zoo

3:30 to 5:30 pm CASUAL SOCIAL AT NCC OFFICE (422-14th Street, Invermere)

Drop by the Nature Conservancy of Canada office to check out the new digs, have a beer, and socialize.